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Stewart COLE *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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Application No.: Unassigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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For: A METHOD FOR ISOLATING A )  
POLYNUCLEOTIDE OF )  
INTEREST FROM THE GENOME )  
OF A MYCOBACTERIUM USING )  
A BAC-BASED DNA LIBRARY, )  
APPLICATION TO THE )  
DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIA )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet(s). The amendments are discussed in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.